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Summary Information

Repository:	Northeast Archives of Folklore and Oral History
Creator - ive:	Lord, Linda J.
Creator - ivr:	Rouverol, Alicia J., 1961-
Title:	One Year Later: The Closing of Penobscot Poultry and the Transition of a Veteran Employee
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Physical Description:	2 boxes
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Interviewee last name, interviewee first name. Year. NA[unique series identification number], MF045, NAFOH. Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine.

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Scope and Contents

A series of interviews with Linda J. Lord in which she talks about the work she did for 20 years at Penobscot Poultry, her feelings about being unemployed after Penobscot closed and general conversations about her life in Maine.

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Arrangement

Though most of the material is digital (see below) there are two boxes of material that are not: research material and book drafts for "I was Content and Not Content: The Story of Linda Lord and the Closing of Penobscot Poultry" by Cedric N. Chatterly and Alicia J. Rouverol with Stephen A. Cole.

NA2037 Linda J. Lord, interviewed by Cedric N. Chatterley and Stephen Cole, March 1988 - February 1989, Belfast and Brooks, Maine. A series of interviews. Lord talks about the work she did for 20 years at Penobscot Poultry; her feelings about being unemployed after Penobscot closed and general conversations about her life in Maine. A collection of 51 exhibit photos of Lord at work will be added to this accession.

Text: 152 pp. partial transcript Recording: mfc_na2037_c0681_01, mfc_na2037_c0681_02, mfc_na2037_c0710_01, mfc_na2037_c0711_01, mfc_na2037_c0712_01, mfc_na2037_c0713_01, mfc_na2037_c0714_01, mfc_na2037_c0715_01, mfc_na2037_c0716_01, mfc_na2037_c0717_01, mfc_na2037_c0716_c0717_02 4 1/2 hours approx.

NA2047 Belfast Forum participants: Jay Davis, Bernard Lewis, Dr. Richard Barringer, Dr. Paula Petrik, Carolyn Chute, others, recorded by Alicia Rouverol, winter 1989, Belfast, Maine. Audio and video recording of the Belfast Forum, a panel discussion that accompanied the opening of "One Year Later: The Closing of Penobscot Poultry and the Transition of a Veteran Employee." The traveling exhibit of photos and oral history text panels was based on Linda Lord's work experiences at Penobscot Poultry (See NA 2037).

Recordings: mfc_na2047_0567_01, mfc_na2047_0567_02, mfc_na2047_0568_01, mfc_na2047_0568_02 / mfc_na2047_v0047, mfc_na2047_v0048, mfc_na2047_v0184 2 1/2 hours approx.

NA2137 Cedric Chatterly and Paul Rivard, interviewed by Alicia Rouverol, spring 1989, Augusta, Maine. Recording of the Augusta, Maine opening of "One Year Later: The Closing of Penobscot Poultry and the Transition of a Veteran Employee." On side 1, Chatterly narrates a slide show of the photographs he took of Linda Lord at work in Penobscot Poultry. Side 2 is Rivard talking about factory closings in New England and compares these closings with that of Penobscot Poultry.

Recording: mfc_na2137_c0675_01, mfc_na2137_c0675_02, mfc_na2137_c0676_01 1 hour 10 minutes

NA2138 Cedric Chatterly, Dr. Richard Barringer, Dr. Paula Petrik, Dr. Petrik and Carle O'Brien, recorded by Alicia Rouverol, summer 1989, Portland, Maine. The Portland opening of "One Year Later: The Closing of Penobscot Poultry and the Transition of a Veteran Employee." Chatterly narrates Linda Lord's oral history as he shows slides of the photographs. Dr. Barringer talks about reasons for the demise of the poultry industry in Maine. Dr. Paula Petrik

talks about the role of women in industry. Dr. Petrik & O'Brien talk about industrial failure in Southern Maine and take questions and answers from the audience.

Recording: mfc_na2138_c0677_01, mfc_na2138_c0677_02, mfc_na2138_c0678_01, mfc_na2138_c0678_02 1 hour 15 minutes

NA2139 Beth Mahoney, recorded by Alicia Rouverol, April 13, 1989, Millinocket, Maine. Recording of the East Millinocket opening of "One Year Later: The Closing of Penobscot Poultry and the Transition of a Veteran Employee." Mahoney contrasts the closing of Penobscot Poultry with layoffs at Great Northern.

Recording: mfc_na2139_c0679_01, mfc_na2139_c0679_02 4 hours

NA2145 Alicia Rouverol, Cedric Chatterly, Paula Petrik, recorded by Alicia Rouverol, October 17 (c0682) and December 02, 1989 (c0683), UMaine, Orono, Maine. The October recording is of the Orono opening of "Penobscot Poultry: One Year Later." Rouverol describes the project from its conception to its end. The December recordings has Chatterly discussing his experiences in photographing Penobscot Poultry; shows slides of photographs of Linda Lord and reads excerpts of Linda Lord's oral history. Petrik talks about the poultry industry in Maine and women in the workforce.

Recording: mfc_na2145_c0682_01-mfc_na2145_c0683_02 146 minutes

NA2146 Cedric Chatterly, Dr. Paula Petrik, Bill Little, recorded by Alicia Rouverol, March 23, 1989, Machias, Maine. Panel members talking at the Machias opening of "Penobscot Poultry: One Year Later" held in conjunction with a public forum at University of Maine, Machias (UMM). mfc_na2146_c0569_01 Chatterly discusses the project and shows slides of Linda Lord while reading from the text. mfc_na2146_c0569_02 Petrik discusses such subjects as the nature of work in our society and the poultry industry in Maine. The panel discussion continues with comments from Little (Small Business Development Center, UMM) on the nature of small business and industry in Maine. mfc_na2146_c0570_01 Program winds up.

Recording: mfc_na2146_c0569_01&02, mfc_na2146_c0570_01 101 minutes

NA2643 Linda Lord, interviewed by Alicia Rouverol, December 1, 1994, Belfast, Maine. Lord talks about work at Penobscot Poultry; childhood chores tending chickens; work at Crowe Rope; playing in country music band; depressed economy of Belfast area and impact of government regulations on small businesses; her feelings about being interviewed for the book; work ethic; her vision problems as limiting job opportunities; further reflections on working at Penobscot Poultry in the blood tunnel; business relations with community; feelings about work.

Text: 48 pp. transcript plus correspondence relating to accession Recording: mfc_na2643_c1938_01, mfc_na2643_c1938_02 83 minutes

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- Oral histories
- Poultry

Collection Note

Interviews with Lord resulted in a traveling exhibit of photos and oral history text panels. The exhibit traveled in 1988-1989 to East Millinocket, Orono, Machias, Portland, and Augusta, with panels, presentations, and forums occurring at each opening. Speakers and panelists included Jay Davis, Bernard Lewis, Dr. Richard Barringer, Dr. Paula Petrik and Carolyn Chute. Primary researchers were Cedric Chatterley and Stephen Cole.

This project was funded by four grants totaling \$8,942 from the Maine Humanities Council in 1989 and 1990. A book based on the exhibit, coauthored by Cedric Chatterley, Alicia J. Rouverol, and Stephen A. Cole received \$5,000 from the Maine Humanities Council in 1990. "I was Content and Not Content: The Story of Linda Lord and the Closing of Penobscot Poultry." Carbondale and Edwardsville: Southern Illinois University Press, 2000.

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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
MF 045, Collection Summary	
MF 045, collection summary, undated Digital Object: MF 045, collection summary: undated	Text MF 045
Linda J. Lord, interviewed by Cedric N. Chatterley and Stephen Cole <u>Abstract:</u> NA2037 Linda J. Lord, interviewed by Cedric N. Chatterley and Stephen Cole, March 1988 - February 1989, Belfast and Brooks, Maine. 152 pp. Tapes: 4 1/2 hrs. approx. w/ partial trans. A series of interviews. Lord talks about the work she did for 20 years at Penobscot Poultry; her feelings about being unemployed after Penobscot closed and general conversations about her life in Maine. A collection of 51 exhibit photos of Lord at work will be added to this accession. Text: 152 pp. partial transcript. Recording: C 0681, C 0710 - C 0717 / CD 2351 4 1/2 hours approx. <u>Controlled Access Headings:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Penobscot Poultry	
NA 2037, transcript, 1991 Digital Object: NA 2037, transcript: 1991	Audio NA 2037
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Digital Object: NA 2037, audio, part 1: March 1, 1988	Audio NA 2037
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NA 2037, audio, part 6, August 15, 1988 Digital Object: NA 2037, audio, part 6: August 15, 1988	Audio NA 2037
NA 2037, audio, part 7, September 10, 1988 Digital Object: NA 2037, audio, part 7: September 10, 1988	Audio NA 2037
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NA 2037, audio, part 9, January 30, 1989 Digital Object: NA 2037, audio, part 9: January 30, 1989	Audio NA 2037
NA 2037, audio, part 10, January 30, 1989 Digital Object: NA 2037, audio, part 10: January 30, 1989	Audio NA 2037
<p>Jay Davis, Bernard Lewis, Dr. Richard Barringer, Dr. Paula Petrik, Carolyn Chut, and others, recorded by Alicia Rouverol</p> <p><u>Abstract:</u> NA2047 Belfast Forum participants: Jay Davis, Bernard Lewis, Dr. Richard Barringer, Dr. Paula Petrik, Carolyn Chute, others, recorded by Alicia Rouverol, winter 1989, Belfast, Maine. 3 pp. Tapes: 2 1/2 hours approx. with no transcript. Audio and video recording of the Belfast Forum, a panel discussion that accompanied the opening of "One Year Later: The Closing of Penobscot Poultry and the Transition of a Veteran Employee." The traveling exhibit of photos and oral history text panels was based on Linda Lord's work experiences at Penobscot Poultry (See NA 2037). Recordings: C 0567 - C 0568 / V 0047 - V 0048, V 0184 (VHS) 2 1/2 hours approx.</p> <p><u>Controlled Access Headings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penobscot Poultry 	
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NA 2047, video, part 2, February 23, 1989 Digital Object: NA 2047, video, part 2: February 23, 1989	Audio NA 2047
NA 2047, video, part 3, February 23, 1989 Digital Object: NA 2047, video, part 3: February 23, 1989	Audio NA 2047

Cederic Chatterly and Paul Rivard, recorded by Alicia Rouverol

Abstract: NA2137 Cederic Chatterly and Paul Rivard, interviewed by Alicia Rouverol, spring 1989, Augusta, Maine. Tape only: 1 hr. 10 min. Recording of the Augusta, Maine opening of "One Year Later: The Closing of Penobscot Poultry and the Transition of a Veteran Employee." On side 1, Chatterly narrates a slide show of the photographs he took of Linda Lord at work in Penobscot Poultry. Side 2 is Rivard talking about factory closings in New England and compares these closings with that of Penobscot Poultry. Recording: C 0675 - C 0676 1 hour 10 minutes.

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NA 2137, transcript, 1989 Digital Object: NA 2137, transcript: 1989	Audio NA 2137
NA 2137, audio, part 1, May 3, 1989 Digital Object: NA 2137, audio, part 1: May 3, 1989	Audio NA 2137
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Cederic Chatterly, Dr. Richard Barringer, Dr. Paula Petrik, Dr. Petrik and Carle O'Brien, recorded by Alicia Rouverol

Abstract: NA2138 Cederic Chatterly, Dr. Richard Barringer, Dr. Paula Petrik, Dr. Petrik and Carle O'Brien, recorded by

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Alicia Rouverol, summer 1989, Portland, Maine. Tape only: 1 hr. 15 min. The Portland opening of "One Year Later: The Closing of Penobscot Poultry and the Transition of a Veteran Employee." Chatterly narrates Linda Lord's oral history as he shows slides of the photographs. Dr. Barringer talks about reasons for the demise of the poultry industry in Maine. Dr. Paula Petrik talks about the role of women in industry. Dr. Petrik & O'Brien talk about industrial failure in Southern Maine and take questions and answers from the audience. Recording: C 0677, C 0678 1 hour 15 minutes.

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NA 2138, audio, part 4, June 6, 1989 <u>Digital Object:</u> NA 2138, audio, part 4: June 6, 1989	Audio NA 2138

Beth Mahoney, recorded by Alicia Rouverol

Abstract: NA2139 Beth Mahoney, recorded by Alicia Rouverol, April 13, 1989, Millinocket, Maine. Tape only: 4 hrs. Recording of the East Millinocket opening of "One Year Later: The Closing of Penobscot Poultry and the Transition of a Veteran Employee." Mahoney contrasts the closing of Penobscot Poultry with layoffs at Great Northern. Recording: C 0679, C 0680 4 hours.

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NA 2139, audio, part 1, April 13, 1989 <u>Digital Object:</u> NA 2139, audio, part 1: April 13, 1989	Audio NA 2139
NA 2139, audio, part 2, April 13, 1989 <u>Digital Object:</u> NA 2139, audio, part 2: April 13, 1989	Audio NA 2139
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Alicia Rouverol, Cedric Chatterly, Paula Petrik, recorded by Alicia Rouverol

Abstract: NA2145 Alicia Rouverol, Cedric Chatterly, Paula Petrik, recorded by Alicia Rouverol, fall 1989, Orono, Maine. Tape only: 1 hr. 45 min. Orono opening of "Penobscot Poultry: One Year Later." Rouverol describes the project from its conception to its end. Chatterly shows

slides of photographs of Linda Lord while reading excerpts of the oral history. Petrik talks about the poultry industry in Maine and women in the workforce. Recording: C 0682 - C 0683 1 hour 45 minutes.

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NA 2145, audio, part 3, September 17, 1989 <u>Digital Object:</u> NA 2145, audio, part 3: September 17, 1989	Audio NA 2145
NA 2145, audio, part 4, September 17, 1989 <u>Digital Object:</u> NA 2145, audio, part 4: September 17, 1989	Audio NA 2145

Cederic Chatterly, Dr. Paula Petrik, Bill Little, and others, recorded by Alicia Rouverol

Abstract: NA2146 Cederic Chatterly, Dr. Paula Petrik, Bill Little, others, recorded by Alicia Rouverol, March 21, 1989, Machias, Maine. Tape only: 1 hr. 15 min. Panel members talking at the Machias opening of "Penobscot Poultry: One Year Later." Recording: C 0569 - C 0570 1 hour 15 minutes.

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NA 2146, audio, part 1, March 21, 1989 <u>Digital Object:</u> NA 2146, audio, part 1: March 21, 1989	Audio NA 2146
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NA 2146, audio, part 3, March 21, 1989 <u>Digital Object:</u> NA 2146, audio, part 3: March 21, 1989	Audio NA 2146

Linda Lord, interviewed by Alicia Rouverol

Abstract: NA2643 Linda Lord, interviewed by Alicia Rouverol, December 1, 1994, Belfast, Maine. Lord talks about work at Penobscot Poultry; childhood chores tending chickens; work at Crowe Rope; playing in country music band; depressed economy of Belfast area and impact of government regulations on small businesses; her feelings about being interviewed for the book; work ethic; her vision problems as limiting job opportunities; further reflections on working at Penobscot Poultry in the blood tunnel;

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business relations with community; feelings about work.

Text: 48 pp. transcript plus correspondence relating to
accession. Recording: C 1938 90 minutes.

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NA 2643, transcript, 1995 <u>Digital Object:</u> NA 2643, transcript: 1995	Audio NA 2643
NA 2643, audio, part 1, December 1, 1994 <u>Digital Object:</u> NA 2643, audio, part 1: December 1, 1994	Audio NA 2643
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